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# Legislation Committee January 8, 2010 **Minutes**

Chair Rubin called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. Committee members in attendance: Azumbrado, Chu, Giacopini, Haggerty, Halsted, Lempert, Mackenzie, Rein Worth, Tissier and Yeager. Also in attendance: Commissioners Bates, Cortese and Daly.

**Minutes** of the Committee's December 11, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Haggerty and a second by Commissioner Chu.

#### **Policy Advisory Council Recruitment**

Ellen Griffin of MTC staff noted that the recruitment process has begun for the new Policy Advisory Council, with the application deadline set for February 1, 2010. She introduced Pam Grove of MTC staff, who is overseeing the recruitment and selection process. Ms. Grove noted that final appointments are scheduled for the March Legislation Committee meeting.

Chair Rubin asked staff to notify the Committee if help is needed in the recruitment process. Ms. Grove noted that the pool of applicants from Marin, Solano, Napa and Sonoma is low.

# 2010 Legislative Visits to Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Rebecca Long of MTC staff presented plans for the annual legislative visits to Washington D.C. She noted that a date has not been set for the Sacramento trip due to the state budget. She said the governor has called a special session that forces the legislature to address the budget within the next 45 days.

Commissioner Haggerty asked that the staff report to the full Commission include the number of Commissioners interested in attending the Washington D.C. trip. He noted that the Commission needs to be mindful of the economic times in determining the number of Commissioners who should attend.

## **FY 2010 Federal Appropriations**

The report by Randy Rentschler of MTC staff was received by the Committee.

#### H.R. 2847 (Mollohan)

The report by Mr. Rentschler was received by the Committee.

## Tom Bulger's Report

The report from MTC's advocate in Washington, D.C. was received by the committee. Commissioner Rein Worth thanked staff for their help in setting up meetings between Commissioners and Congressman John Garamendi and his staff.

#### Other Business/Public Comment/Adjourn

Commissioner Mackenzie announced that the new Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority will meet for the first time on Monday, January 11, 2010. He noted that the new Authority is the first in the state to discuss climate coordination policy. Commissioner Chu announced that the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) received a letter from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) allowing the BART to San Jose project to re-enter the New Starts program. Commissioner Bates asked if MTC staff is considering legislation regulating pollution from motorcycles, similar to the Air District, during the 2010 legislative session. Mr. Rentschler noted that staff will talk to Air District staff about this topic.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2010. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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